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COMMENT OF THE DAY

America & Indo-China

THE French Government can hardly have been taken by surprise by Mr. Foster Dulles' disclosure that the Eisenhower Administration intends to adopt an entirely new approach to the question of American foreign aid. The signs have been evident for some time past, and the resounding welcome given by the United States to Britain's new slogan "Trade not Aid" can be taken as a reflection of the revived official attitude to what is known as the Truman "hand out" foreign assistance policy. Mr. Dulles, however, has not yet publicly revealed how America intends to give practical implementation to the new policy. He has warned France, for example, that in the matter of aid for Indo-China, the United States is going to adopt a more "practical and realistic approach" and he has emphasised that henceforth assistance will only be forthcoming based on hard results. Not at the moment clear is whether the Secretary of State has in mind concrete military results or approved political developments in Indo-China—or both. The French and Vietnamese military situation is at the moment a trifle precarious. The Communist invasion of the State of Laos is embarrassing although strategically speaking it need not be regarded as disastrous. But to achieve an eventual decisive military victory the French Union forces quite obviously require substantial assistance. In the way of war materials, the second part of the problem is to raise a sufficiently powerful Vietnamese army and air force which can, under French military leadership, both destroy the Vietnamese as a cohesive military force, and thereafter take over the task of effectively garrisoning the country.

THE indications are that American aid designed to contribute to this objective may be made subject to certain contingencies and very largely guided by Washington's concept of the Indo-China struggle in relation to the rest of the Far East. There is a growing body of opinion in the American Administration that Indo-China must be considered but a part of the whole general Pacific picture; and it would seem that the fear is growing that the Communists plan to switch the full weight of aggression to the south once the Korean question has been settled. It is such influences which may dominate American policy relating to aid and which may have led Mr. Dulles to insist upon the need for tangible results in the Indo-China war theatre. To what extent the Washington Administration is pre-occupied with the political future of Indo-China it is difficult to assess. The suspicion of French "colonialism" is still strong in many parts of the United States, and the idea of "pulling chestnuts out of the fire" for a Colonial Power is repugnant to the American mind. Nevertheless it remains true that the Free World cannot afford to lose Indo-China to the Communists, and it is equally true that until the Red forces have been subdued there is no chance of establishing stability within the country, or of making political progress towards its complete independence. This is the dilemma which Washington policy makers cannot avoid when considering how much aid in what direction and should be given, and what, if any strings are to be attached.

H.K. HAS RECORD FIRST DAY

AT B.I.F.

Buyers From All Over The World Visit Stand

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 27. "I'm astonished," said Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, Director of the Hongkong Government's office in London, two hours after the doors opened at Earl's Court this morning for the Coronation year British Industries Fair.

"We've done more business than on any other opening day in the six years that Hongkong has exhibited here," he added.

"Normally," Mr Grimwood continued, "the first day is very quiet but this morning we've dealt with a constant stream of genuine trade enquiries."

First visitor to the stand—a businessman from Uruguay—came five minutes after the opening. He asked to be put into touch with Hongkong manufacturers of torches and vacuum flasks.

He was followed by buyers from all over the world. By lunchtime 50 enquiry forms had been filled out by importers from Nigeria, Tanganyika, Mexico, France, Sweden, Cyprus, Iran and Elre.

Many of these are expected to result in firm orders. Dozens of other enquiries came from businessmen in the United Kingdom.

No one class of goods was specially favoured. The enquiries covered nearly the whole range of goods on display from paper lanterns to enamelware and from cotton shirts to plastics.

Main display of Hongkong textiles is again being staged at St. Ermin's Hotel, in Westminster. This section, under the supervision of Mr George Silas, of the Nanyang-Cotton-Mill, is sponsored by the Hongkong Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Associations.

When I saw him at Earl's Court today Mr Silas reported a good morning's business at St. Ermin's Hotel. There were definite signs, he said, that textile trades were recovering from last year's recession and enquiries were again coming in at an encouraging rate.

CRISIS AVERTED

The Hongkong stand was open on time despite a last-minute crisis during the early hours of this morning. Mrs Irene Ward, of the Hongkong Government's office in London, unwittingly contravened a trade union rule by pinning up a display of silk.

It seemed that this was a job for none other than a qualified carpenter.

The incident was reported to a trade union official who threatened to bring the stand-brokers out on strike unless Mrs Ward desisted from her unauthorized occupation.

The matter was finally settled to everybody's satisfaction when a carpenter was found to do the job under Mrs Ward's guidance. Promptly at 9.30 this morning Mr Grimwood and Mrs Ward were back on the stand to deal with trade enquiries. Within an hour hundreds of questions concerning Hongkong goods had been answered and scores of Hongkong BIF directors and commercial guides had been distributed to bona fide businessmen.

THICK WITH PEOPLE

"The stand has been thick with people all day," Mr Grimwood said later. "Buyers from all over the world have shown great interest in the whole range of goods. If enquiries continue to flow in at the rate they have this morning, this year's BIF will be the most successful we've ever known."

But, though business shows every sign of picking up again after months of slack demand, local Chinese businessmen have not arrived in anything like their usual numbers.

Mr H. J. Collar, leader of the official delegation to the BIF, thought this might be because the Chinese traders wanted to remain close at hand for the expected reopening of the Chinese market. For most of

them, a visit to Britain, combined with a tour of other important trading centres, means being absent for several months. Even the additional attraction of the Coronation has not been able to entice them away from the Colony this year.

However, a number of Chinese exhibitors were present for this morning's opening. They included Mr. Ada Lam, whose Chinese dolls were greatly admired, Mr. George M. Lau, a member of the official delegation, Mr. Fung Ping-tan, a Director of the Bank of East Asia, and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eung, of the Teh-hu Sun-shu Co.

Other helpers on the stand today were Mr P. C. M. Sedgwick, Director of Commerce and Industry and Chairman of the Hongkong BIF Committee, Mr T. C. Strangeways, Director of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, who is in Britain on leave, Mr R. A. Bates, a former Hongkong resident, and Mr F. McElroy, one-time manager of the National City Bank in Hongkong.

TRANSPORT BILL PUT THROUGH

London, Apr. 27.

The Government tonight got its first major measure through Parliament—the return of the state-run road transport industry to private hands.

Only the royal assent—a formality—is now needed for the necessary bill to become law.

To counter what Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, called "gross obstruction" by the Labour opposition, the Government used the guillotine for the 20 amendments made by the House of Lords which the House of Commons was discussing.

This is a device to thwart delaying tactics by laying down a timetable.

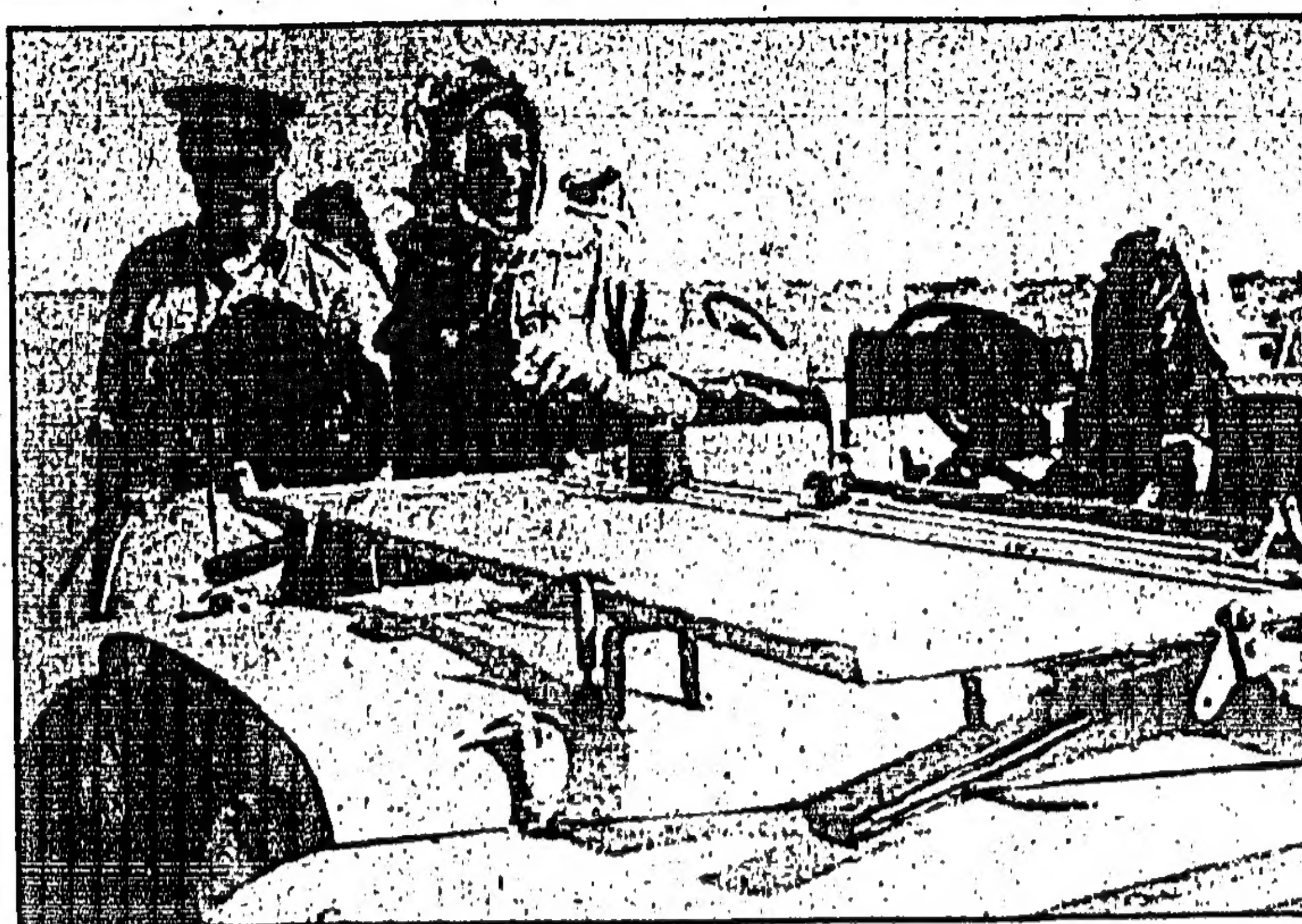
Promptly at 10.30 tonight the guillotine fell and the Lords' amendments were put to the vote on 100. Only one had been discussed. The result was a Government victory by 304 to 276.—Reuter.

Search For Lost Swimmer Fails

Selsey, Sussex, Apr. 27. A Selsey "Inshore" and Royal Air Force helicopter searched unsuccessfully last night for a 27-year-old Londoner swept out to sea when his sailing boat capsized off Sussex.

He is L. Phillips of King's Court, North Chelms. He disappeared when trying to swim ashore to get help for his companion Alastair Norton.—Reuter.

British Blockade In An Oasis



The scene is Baraimi Oasis, on the edge of the Arabian desert near the Persian Gulf. Britain has moved in to blockade 80 armed men sent to Hammassa, one of the oasis villages, by King Ibn Saud—for Britain backs the Sultan of Muscat's claim that he owns the oasis. Top picture shows Major Peter McDonald, hooded in Arab style, who is in charge of the British operation. Above an air view of Hammassa village where the invading Arabs are trapped. — London Express Photos.

Reds Close In On Royal Capital Of Laos

Hanoi, Apr. 27.

Vietminh Communist spearheads closed in on the ancient Royal capital of Laos from four directions tonight and the hereditary Prince of the state called urgently for United States aid.

"We are not asking for armed assistance," said the son of the aged, crippled King Savang Vong, in answer to a reporter's question on United States aid. "But we ask for the means to defend ourselves."

"It is from this point on that the need for an increase in material and arms aid makes itself felt."

Prince Savang said he hoped the United States was "already aware of the present situation."

The Prince met the press shortly after a private talk with the French Far East commander-in-chief, General Raoul Salan.

The nearest of the four Vietminh spearheads was only 25 miles east of the capital. Prince Savang declared that the population and the rulers of Laos were determined to defend their country.

Explaining the lack of opposition which has allowed the invaders to overrun half the state in little more than two weeks, he said: "We did not want to combat the invasion immediately because it had been prepared long since, with too powerful a potential. But now we are ready to resume the offensive."

ENCROACHING

A Headquarters spokesman revealed that the Communist columns were encroaching along all the four tributaries which join the Mekong River near Luang Prabang, the Royal capital.

Three of the thrusts were composed of elements of the Vietminh columns that overran Sam Neua, then headed southwest for Luang Prabang along the route used by the Japanese Army in World War II.

The nearest prong was reported just south of Nampa following a small tributary valley. It was

Prince Akihito Arrives In England

Southampton, Apr. 27.

Crown Prince Akihito of Japan, 19, arrived here tonight aboard the 83,673-British liner Queen Elizabeth from New York.

The Crown Prince will represent his country at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in London on June 2.

Before the Coronation period he will go on an educational tour of England and Scotland.

This is the first time that a Japanese Crown Prince has visited Britain since 1922. Then his father, Emperor Hirohito, Crown Prince visited London.

The Crown Prince was received aboard the liner by Colonel Murray-Lawes of the British Foreign Office. It was earlier understood that Mr Marcus Cheke, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, would meet the Prince, but Mr Cheke will now receive Prince Akihito at London's Waterloo station tomorrow on behalf of the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, who is in hospital.

Mr Shunichi Matsumoto, Japanese Ambassador to Britain, was also here to welcome Crown Prince Akihito.

With Mr Matsumoto were senior officials of his London Embassy including Mr Yasuhiro Nara, Japan's Press Attache in Britain.

LONDON RESIDENCE The Crown Prince will stay aboard the liner until tomorrow morning when he will leave by train for London, where he will stay at the residence of his country's Ambassador.

Mr Matsumoto with his staff was staying at a Southampton hotel tonight. The Ambassador and the Embassy official will take an earlier train to London to enable them to welcome the Prince again this time at Waterloo railway station, London.

The Crown Prince will be received in audience by Queen Elizabeth II on May 5 and have a private meeting with Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister on April 30.

Sir Winston Churchill in his capacity as Acting Foreign Secretary, sent a personal message of welcome to the Crown Prince.

Sir Winston has taken charge of foreign affairs since the absence of Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, who is in the London clinic recovering from a major operation.

The message was delivered by Mr Davis Symon, of the British Embassy in Tokyo, who tonight at Southampton was attached by the Foreign Office to the Crown Prince's entourage.—Reuter.

Hiss Refused A New Trial

Washington, Apr. 27. The Supreme Court today rejected the appeal of Alger Hiss for a new trial before a New York Federal Court.

The decision was by six votes to none.—France-Press.

Trouble Among The Lady MPs

SNORING ON BED ALLEGATION

London, Apr. 27.

Labour MP, Mrs E. M. "Battling Bessie" Braddock today flatly denied she ever was caught snoring on a bed in the House of Commons ladies' room.

Striding indignantly up to the Speaker, Mr William S. Morrison, Mrs Braddock handed him a copy of a London Sunday newspaper containing an article written by another woman MP, slim, photogenic Mrs Patricia Ford, a Conservative, who took her Commons seat only last week.

Mrs Ford, writing of her "startling" experiences in her first week in the House, said she went to the ladies' rest room one night and "found both Mrs Bessie Braddock and Dr Edith Summerskill stretched out on beds and both snoring."

"It's not true," cried Mrs Braddock. "I have never slept alongside Dr Edith Summerskill and I was never in that room at any time since it has been opened."

OFFERS APOLOGY Laughter and cries of "shocking" rocked the House.

Mrs Ford rose from a back bench and declared: "I have offered the Honourable Lady opposite in any possible way I apologise most wholeheartedly. I can only add that it is sometimes difficult to see in the dark."

More laughter. Labourite Alice Bacon suggested anyone who mistook Mrs Braddock for someone else must be "a peculiarly unobservant person."

Mrs Braddock, who measures 50 inches around the hips, often models outside women's garments.

Mr Morrison reminded Mrs Ford that there is a longstanding custom that members "discuss what happens in our own private apartments."

But he asked the House to bear in mind that Mrs Ford is a new member "and it is our custom to extend a good deal of indulgence to new members."

—Associated Press.

Death Of Former London Editor

London, Apr. 27.

Mr Silvester Bolam, former editor of Britain's largest circulation daily newspaper, the Daily Mirror, died suddenly while reading a newspaper after breakfast at his Guildford, Surrey, home today. He was 57.—Reuter.

Hope For Trapped Miners Abandoned

Mexico City, Apr. 27. Hope was abandoned today for 14 miners trapped 1,000 feet below ground since Saturday after an explosion and cave in at the La Dolores Silver Mine near Angangueo, 75 miles north-west of Mexico City. The explosion caused a fire and recovery of the bodies of the 14 miners still entombed will not be possible until smoke fumes clear.—Reuter.

British Govt Studying Red Answer

London, Apr. 27.

The British government may make a formal statement in a few days on Russia's answer to President Eisenhower's peace plan, informed British sources said on Monday.

The sources said high-level British exchanges with Washington and Paris have been going on since Monday in order to assess the views put forward in Russia's reply to President Eisenhower's last Saturday.

The decision to make a normal government counter to the Soviet statement—taken in London as reflecting accurately the views of top Kremlin leaders—hinges on the outcome of these exchanges.

In seeking to size up the latest Soviet expression, British policy men have already obtained the views of United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Dulles reached Washington on Monday after attending the Ministers Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The Soviet statement, which is being studied by policy chiefs in Prime Minister Churchill's office, the Foreign Office and the Defence Office, has crystallised into this British view to date:

1. It is couched in more apologetic terms than earlier Kremlin answers to Western approaches, with a marked absence of bitter propagandist terms of the "imperialist hyena" and "capitalist warmonger" variety.

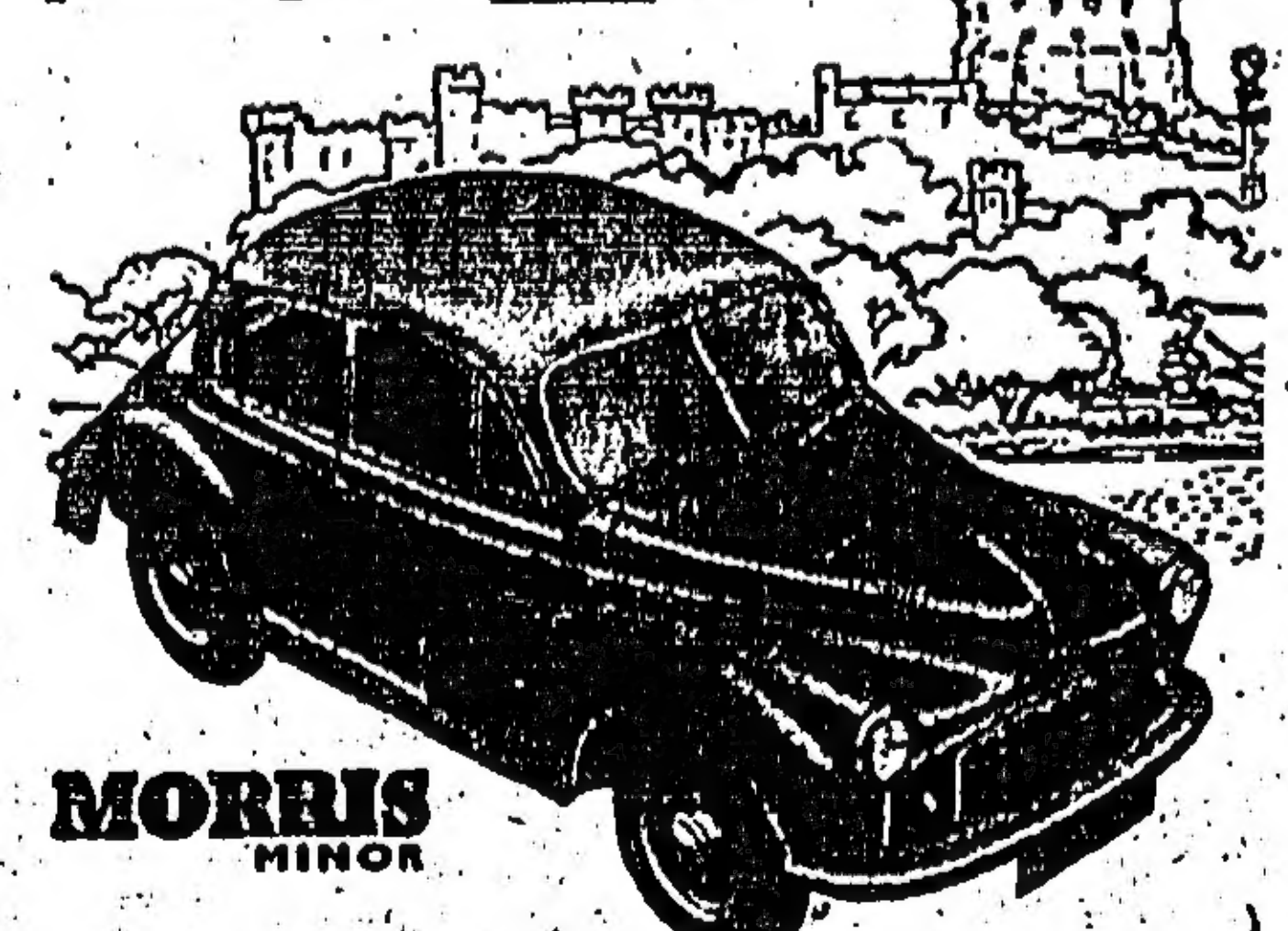
This softening of tone may have been designed to match the tone of President Eisenhower's speech—printed in full along with the Soviet reply.

2. Since it was placed side-by-side with the President's plan, the Soviet viewpoint may have some "value" in focussing the Russian citizens' attention on problems that separate East and West.

3. It suggested no change in Soviet policy toward at least two thorns in the British and French sides—Malaya and Indo-China.

4. The Soviet emphasis on the dangers of a re-militarised Germany apparently seeks to drive a wedge between the United States and France and try to end for good any prospect of French collaboration of the European Army project.—Associated Press.

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U.S. Official Defends Ideal Of Reciprocal Trade

Under-Secretary Of State Criticises Simpson Bill

Washington, Apr. 27.

Mr Walter Bedell Smith, Under-Secretary of State, today called for a continuance of America's reciprocal trade agreements to avoid "a costly upheaval in international commerce."

Mr Smith was speaking to the United States Chamber of Commerce in another part of Washington as hearings began before the House Ways and Means Committee on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.

He said: "Reciprocal trade is an important symbol of our international trade. It has a deep meaning for our Allies."

Blueprint For Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 27.—A National Malayan Conference today appointed a working committee to draw up a blueprint of a future, independent Malaya.

Speakers at the conference suggested that it should include Singapore and should remain within the British Commonwealth.

The two major political organizations—the United Malaya National Organisation and the Malayan Chinese Association—did not attend the conference, but the door was left open for them to take part in the talks during the next three months. — Franco-Press.

BRITISH TRADE PROPOSALS

London, Apr. 27.—Scandinavian delegates met British economic officials here today to discuss the possible effects of Commonwealth proposals for freer world trade.

The conference of "Unicean"—economic committee representing Britain and Sweden, Norway and Denmark—is holding its usual half yearly review of Anglo-Scandinavian business.

The talks are expected to end tomorrow when a brief statement will probably be issued.

The routine meeting at the Foreign Office follows similar talks in Paris last month.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, and Mr Richard Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, then discussed the Commonwealth's proposals in some detail with the managing board of the European Payments Union and the organisation of European economic co-operation steering board for trade.

These talks in turn followed the British Ministers discussion on the same subject with the new United States administration in Washington.

Bilateral talks between Britain and other European countries on the Commonwealth proposals will be held during the next few months, it is understood here. — Reuter.

Coronation Security Measures

— London, Apr. 27.—Fifteen thousand police reinforced by 2,000 troops working directly with them, will be on duty in London on Coronation Day.

These are in addition to men lining the route and taking part in the procession and will include 5,000 police from provincial forces.

The step is part of special security arrangements. About 2,000 members of the Metropolitan CID will be among the police on the royal route, half of them special branch detectives.

Commissioner Sir Harold Scott has cancelled all police leave from the third week in May.

The Special Branch has completed a systematic check on all persons thought to be in grandstands or are known to be coming to England for the Coronation.

Officers at all air and sea ports have lists of "undesirables" whom the International Criminal Commission has warned Scotland Yard may attempt to enter the country. They will be refused permission to land. — Reuter.

ECONOMY DRIVE

Washington, Apr. 27.—Secretary Oveya Culp Hobby told her first news conference today that her new Department of Health, Education and Welfare is cutting \$54,383,331 from the amount President Truman asked for this department.

Mrs Hobby, second woman cabinet member in United States history, said her department's budget for the year beginning July 1 would be \$1,723,000,000. — Associated Press.

Japanese Got Cut

Tokyo, Apr. 27.—The Japanese Government is giving Japanese oil purchasers a 50 per cent discount on Persian Gulf oil prices for crude oil purchased from Abadan and 50 per cent over Mexican Gulf prices for petrol for the next six months, it was officially announced today. — United Press.

Mr Smith criticised a Bill submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by Representative Richard Simpson, a high tariff Republican from Pennsylvania, which, he said, would "bring about a sharp reversal of United States policy to lower barriers to trade in the free world."

The object of the Simpson Bill is to broaden restrictions on imports and to curtail President Eisenhower's power to override decisions to the Tariff Commission.

Mr Smith said national security would be jeopardised by the Simpson proposals to curb the President's powers to make treaties and adjust tariff limitations of executive authority to sign international agreements would handicap the administration in its contest with the Soviets.

"Ability to act rapidly and flexibly is far too important in situations like ours to be subjected to limitations," Mr Smith declared.

WOULD TIE HANDS

Mr Smith told the businessmen that the Simpson amendments to the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act would cause a sharp reversal of American policy aimed at freer world trade.

Mr Smith said restrictions would tie the President Eisenhower's hands in his proposed revision of foreign economic policy in the coming year, break the continuity of that policy and damage friendly countries by creating an upheaval in world trade.

"It is safe to say our security is just as dependent on the economic help and security of our partners as upon their military strength," Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith referred to some 40 individual bills which would curtail imports from friendly countries by tariff boosts or other means.

A BLOW

Specifically, he said, a curb on Venezuelan oil imports would seriously damage trade from which Venezuela obtains 90 per cent of her foreign exchange, which would reduce her expenditures for needed imports.

And, he said, steep import duties on Japanese tuna fish would be a blow to that strategic Far Eastern ally and might push her in the direction of trade with Red China.

Mr Smith, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, emphasised the importance of the United Nations to American policy.

He said Russian attempts to use the United Nations as a propaganda sounding board had failed uniformly since with the world looking on "it is almost impossible to lie convincingly."

NOT PRACTICAL

Mr Warren Lee Pierson, Chairman of the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, said that "free trade—at least in the foreseeable future—is neither a practical nor a political possibility."

But there were many goods urgently needed by the United States upon which tariff duties can be substantially lowered.

As an example of "many encouraging signs now in Western Europe" he cited the recent British budget.

Americans, he added, "want to see a large part of their tax money spent at home for urgently needed domestic public projects."

He saw a "positive approach to peace" in the substantial lowering of United States tariffs, the simplified customs procedures, and the end of certain import quotas in acts of Congress.

The Deputy Defence Secretary, Mr Roger M. Kyes, attacked the Truman Administration

of waste, inefficiency and poor planning in setting up the current defence mobilisation programme.

Mr Kyes said, "We are paying dearly for two basic mistakes in defence planning."

1. — A too severe cut-back in military strength prior to the Korean war.

2. — An "unsound and unrealistic" rush to mobilise after the outbreak of the war.

Mr Kyes' speech was the first major policy address of the Republican defence team and gave the clearest indication thus far of how the economy-minded Republican Administration is approaching the task of cutting the multi-billion dollar defence programme.

The former General Motors executive said that the "greatest shortcoming" of the military establishment has been the lack of "sound and adequate management."

HEAVY DRAIN

With obvious reference to the number of industrial leaders now being brought into the Pentagon, Mr Kyes said, "Once the Secretary of Defence is provided with adequate management support to handle the task more rapid progress can be made toward creating a hard hitting, effective and economical organisation for national security."

Mr Kyes also indicated that the Republicans are ready to revise the "broad mobilisation base" policy followed for the past three years in the defence build-up.

He cited these examples of the heavy drain which the military programme is making on United States economy:

"The Army alone now has on hand and on order goods having a value substantially greater than the total of all inventories in the hands of all manufacturers of all things within the United States."

"Army and Air Force expenditures during the current fiscal year are each expected to equal or exceed the total net income of all farm operators in the United States last year while Navy expenditures are equivalent to more than three-fourths of the total farm income."

GREAT OBSTACLE

"The current replacement value of the Defence Department's capital assets, including land and buildings of military installations and inventories of supplies and equipment of the Services, is more than 30 times the total assets of the largest corporation in the United States."

"Total defence Department expenditures during the current fiscal year will equal the combined dollar sales of the 22 largest industrial manufacturing corporations in the United States—this means all corporations with individual sales of \$1,000,000,000 or more in 1952."

"The armed forces include 3,500,000 military personnel and 1,200,000 civilian employees—equal to the combined populations of Boston, Chicago and Dallas. The civilian employment alone is about that of the manufacturing industry."

"Research and development being carried on by the military substantially exceeds the total being carried on in the United States by private industry with its own tax incentives, and it costs up about the equivalent of the total income for the year 1950-51 for all colleges and universities, public and private, used for educational and general purposes in the United States."

Mr L. W. Simms, President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, said that when the United States and Canada overcome their "internal sectional barriers" their border line barrier would also melt away except as a marking line between

two fine friends who "rejoice more and more in their strong individual personalities."

The Trade World Airlines Chairman, Mr Warren Lee Pierson, told the group that "our deep-seated protectionist traditions pose the greatest single obstacle" to United States acceptance of its "position of leadership" in the world.

He called for a "substantial lowering of tariffs, simplification of the Customs 'red tape' and elimination of quotas" which Congress had placed on the imports of certain items. — Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

Opposition Leaders Arrested

Buenos Aires, Apr. 27.—Political police today arrested Senator Santiago H. del Castillo, President of the opposition Radical Party, after a national convention of the party.

Police also arrested the Vice-President of the Party's National Committee, Senator Luis R. Mackay, in the street after he left the party headquarters.

The Radical Party rejected at the convention today a proposal that its members should resign from national and provincial congresses, municipal councils and other representative bodies.

Fourteen Radical deputies constitute the only opposition in the National Congress (Parliament).

The decision against the boycott was taken by 81 votes to 70 at the headquarters of the party damaged by fires started during riots earlier this month.

Another party whose headquarters were also damaged in the fires—the Democratic (Conservative) Party—last Friday ordered its eight provincial deputies and about 50 municipal councilors to resign in protest. — Reuter.

Commission Snub For McCarthy

Bonn, Apr. 27.—United States High Commission sources said today that Senator Joseph McCarthy had got his facts wrong in complaining that American-financed German papers had attacked President Eisenhower. Mr John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State and himself.

The money was given the newspapers in the form of loans bearing five and a half per cent interest, instead of the 12½ per cent market rate. It had come from counterpart funds which the German Government had to bank as the equivalent of United States aid received.

The purpose of the programme was to enable newspapers to guard their independence from outside influences by enabling them to buy their own presses.

High Commission sources said it was healthy that many of the papers subsidised should criticise American policy—the programme would have been a failure if the papers had not preserved complete freedom of expression.

They added that the facts had long been available and that it was "ridiculous" to say that they were uncovered by Senator McCarthy's investigators during their recent European trip. — Reuter.

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Chancellor Adenauer Abandons Plan To By-Pass Upper House

WESTERN EUROPEAN DEFENCE TREATIES

Bonn, Apr. 27.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, has abandoned a plan to circumvent the Upper House of Parliament in seeking approval of the treaties linking his country with Western defence.

Authoritative Government sources said today he had decided not to place the treaties—the European Army Treaty and the conventions ending occupation rule—before President Theodor Heuss for signature on Tuesday.

Last week, Dr Adenauer implied that he might place the treaties—already approved by the Lower House (Bundestag)—before the President, as the Upper House (Bundesrat) had shelved them.

The sources said the Chancellor would make another bid to force the treaties through the Bundestag, instead of arguing that they did not need its approval on the grounds that they do not affect States' rights.

The Upper House is the guardian of the rights of the individual West German States.

Dr Adenauer was expected to notify the President of his decision tonight.

The Bundestag decided last week to postpone a decision on the treaties until the Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe had ruled on their compatibility with the Constitution.

Bundestag speakers agreed that the only way to get the "advisory opinion" called for by the Bundestag was for the two Houses of Parliament and the Government together to ask the Court for it.

Berlin, Apr. 27. Senior Russian officers, including General Chulikov, Soviet C-in-C in East Germany, have been invited to attend Coronation celebrations arranged by the British Commandant in Berlin, Major-General Coleman.

Officials said today: "It is likely that they will accept." From the garden of General Coleman's house, the Russians will witness a water pageant depicting the sinking of the Armada and later will see a film of the Coronation procession and portraits of the Queen.

The water pageant will mark the end of the Berlin zone's Coronation Day, which starts in the morning with a two-hour parade of British troops.—Reuter.

INVITATION TO REDS

General Robertson said the Communist leaders would never allow a ceasefire in Korea to become a defeat for Communism. "No calls for disarmament from Russia should be taken seriously—until the Russian leaders lift the Iron Curtain," he said.

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New Probe In Washington

Washington, Apr. 27. Thousands of American Government officials and employees will be re-investigated under a new Government security programme which goes into effect on May 27.

Details of the plan were given by Mr Herbert Brownell, the Attorney-General, at a White House press conference today.

The test will be applied to all Government positions in all Government agencies and to the Departments covered by the Truman administration's programme.—Reuter.

GENERAL MAKES A FORECAST

Melbourne, Apr. 27.

China would be at war with Japan soon after any ceasefire in Korea, Lieutenant-General Sir Horace Robertson said today.

General Robertson, who was former Commander-in-Chief British Forces in Korea and Japan, was speaking at Mildura, about 350 miles north of Melbourne.

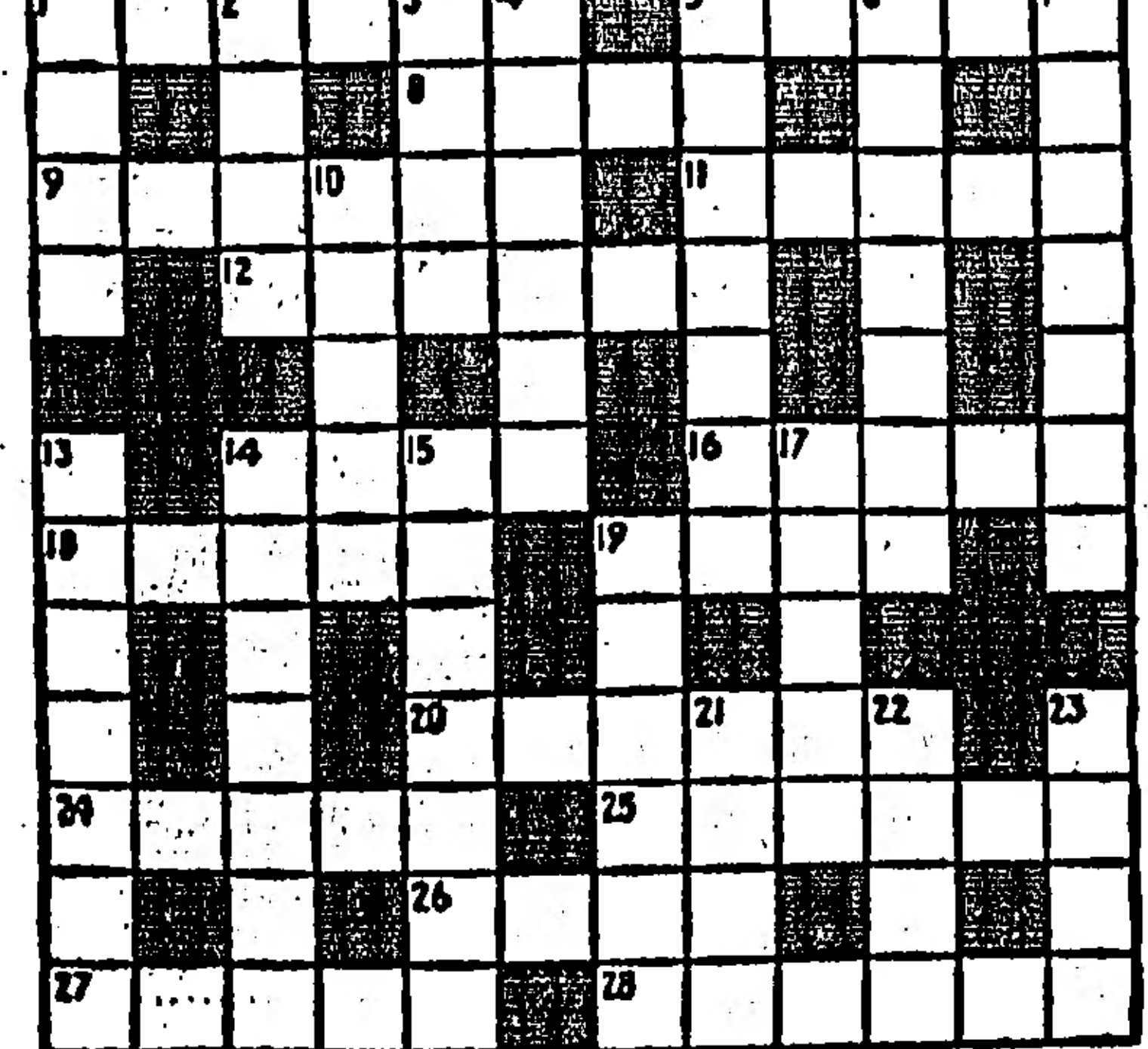
He said "you cannot mix China and Japan any more than you can mix oil and water. Russian backing has made a great nation of China—one of the most formidable powers, China with Russia's support has a modern and well-equipped Army that can really fight."

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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Palenque (6).
 - Discharged (5).
 - Meat (4).
 - Falls to hit (6).
 - Fall (5).
 - True (6).
 - Experiment (4).
 - Merits (5).
 - Crawl (5).
 - Brink (4).
 - Exploding (6).
 - Stadium (6).
 - Unbroken (6).
 - More quickly (4).
 - Television (5).
 - Value highly (6).
- DOWN**
- Splendour (4).
 - Not so much (4).
 - Part (4).
 - Outcome (6).
 - Plundered (7).
 - Put back (7).
 - Most profound (7).
 - Justification (5).
 - Cause to function (7).
 - Offers (7).
 - Extends (7).
 - Representative (5).
 - Whole (6).
 - Insects (4).
 - Domesticated (4).
 - Stalk (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Drama, 4 Tramps, 8 Ophed, 10 Arise, 12 Ripped, 14 Senator, 17 Rest, 19 General, 20 Phakes, 22 Axes, 23 Seized, 27 Scenario, 28 Arms, 30 Tangle, 31 Elects, 32 Strut, Down: 1 Dross, 2 Alien, 3 Alert, 5 Reap, 8 Maiden, 7 Scare, 9 Dross, 11 Repeat, 23 Present, 25 Eps, 26 Abuse, 30 Eps, 20 Palace, 21 Resume, 24 Tramp, 25 Eps, 28 Spent, 28 Rest.

Stevenson In Indo-China



Mr Adlai Stevenson, the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States, shown on his tour of Indo-China as he meets the Bishop of Phat Diem (centre) and General De Linares (right).—Express Photo.

LABOUR PARTY MANIFESTO FOR MAY DAY

London, Apr. 27.

The main organisation of the British Labour movement in its May Day manifesto issued tonight welcomed "any prospect which may put an end to the deadlock of the cold war."

But they added that until the prospect became a reality, it was the duty of the democracies to remain strong and united in defence of their liberties.

The manifesto was issued by the National Council of Labour, which represents the six million member Labour Party, the eight million-strong Trades Union Congress and the Co-operative Union.

It declared: "May Day, 1953 coincides with a period in international affairs in which hopes of a more constructive approach to the vital issues of peace have been raised throughout the free world."

"It is one of the tragedies of our time that our May Day celebrations for years past have taken place in the threatening shadow of a future war in which the workers of the world might again be thrown into bloody conflict."

It added that at this early stage it was not possible to say what significance was to be attached to the new developments, but the National Council of Labour welcomed any prospect which might put an end to the deadlock of the cold war, "which has so long denied the hope of true peace."

"Until that prospect becomes a reality it is still the duty of democracies to remain strong, vigilant and united in the defence of our liberties," the manifesto stated.

On domestic issues, the May Day statement said the Labour movement pursued "the paramount duty of maintaining and protecting the hard-won freedoms of the British working people."—Reuter.

BERLIN PRECAUTIONS—Berlin, Apr. 27. Fewer British troops will be on duty for May Day processions this year at Berlin's number one trouble spot—the Brandenburg Gate junction with the Soviet sector.

British Commander Major-General Coleman has decided to ease tension in the four-power city.

"We do not expect trouble this year," General Coleman said, "but we have taken precautions."

On Friday, men in full battle order will be concealed some distance from the scene and the rest of the garrison will be standing by in barracks.

The Soviet war memorial guarded by a detachment of Russian soldiers with Tommy gun lies within half a square mile of the Brandenburg Gate.

Berliners are meeting for a giant "freedom parade."

A few yards on the other side of the Iron Curtain border—separated from West Berlin by only a rope and a police guard—500,000 East German Communists are to hold goose-stepping marches before their leaders in the "Red Square" of Berlin's Soviet sector.—Reuter.

Labour Party Warned By T.U.C. On Nationalisation

'Tread Carefully' Advice

London, Apr. 27.

Trade Union leaders today warned the Labour Party to tread carefully before embarking on new nationalisation proposals.

Their words came hard on the heels of a week-end policy-making conference of the party's National Executive at which various aspects of public control were proposed.

In its half-yearly report, the Trades Union Congress, which represents 8,000,000 organised industrial workers, declared: "The faith of the trade union movement in the principles of social ownership was reaffirmed at the Mangate Conference last September."

This conference agreed that the General Council of the Trades Union Congress should draw up proposals for applying the principles to further industries and services.

The report added: "In our judgment, nationalisation is not a project to be considered in isolation."

"Our task is to ensure that the nation's economic strength is so built up that the standard of living of our people does not fall in the years immediately ahead and that we improve the present standard as quickly as we can."

The trade union leaders recently declined the Labour party's invitation to sit in on the working committees which have been mapping out its new policy. But they are in consultation with the party on various aspects of planning.

TAKING NEW STOCK

In their report today, they asked what measure of public ownership and control would be of the greatest help in the task of improving living standards.

"We know that only the most thorough investigation and study in the light of Britain's present position will provide us with the right answer," they said.

They added the Trades Union Congress was taking fresh stock of the tests it had applied in the past to decide which industries

and services were ripe for transfer to public ownership or stood in need of closer control in the public interest.

Many trade unionists feel strongly that some of the industries already nationalised are not running perfectly.

They would like to see any new nationalisation ventures preceded by fact-finding commissions which would study the industries concerned and report fully to the Labour movement on their suitability for public control—before any action is decided upon.—Reuter.

Gaullist Defeat Probable

Paris, Apr. 27.

General De Gaulle's Party of the French People appeared tonight to be heading for a big defeat in the municipal elections.

First results showed a big fall in their vote, particularly in rural areas.

Both the Moderate Conservatives and Radicals made gains at their expense. The Socialists also gained some ground, apparently benefiting from being in Opposition for the past two years, and the "disident" Gaullists, who broke away from the People's Rally made a good showing.

The Communists, according to official estimates, held their own. They gained strength in the working class districts of the big towns, including Paris, but lost a little ground in the rural areas.

NOT SURPRISE

Final results from many of the big towns will not be available until Tuesday night, because of the complicated voting system, but the position in Marseilles, France's second biggest city, provides a good pointer.

There the Gaullists dropped 21 seats on the Municipal Council, while the Socialists, Moderate Conservatives and Gaullist "rebels" all made gains.

A Gaullist defeat had been expected by most observers after the split in the Rally's parliament group last year, when about 30 Gaullist Deputies refused to follow the General's orders to vote against the European Army Treaty.—Reuter.

Japan Orders Volkswagens From Germany

Tokyo, Apr. 28.

Japan will import 70 Volkswagen cars from West Germany, according to trade circles here today.

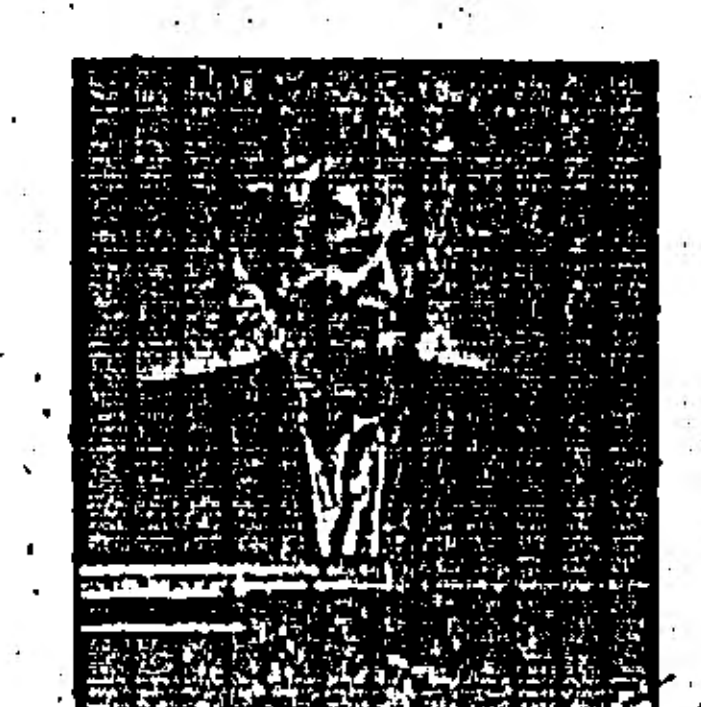
They said that the Fuji Trading Company has signed a contract under which it will import the motor cars at a total price of \$60,000 on c & f basis.

Of 70 units, 15 will be shipped out of Germany on June 5 and the remainder by autumn this year.

The cars will be sold through Nichidoku Jidosha (Japan-German Automobile Sales Company).

Meanwhile, 27 Volkswagen cars which Fuji purchased some time ago will arrive in Japan on May 20.—Reuter.

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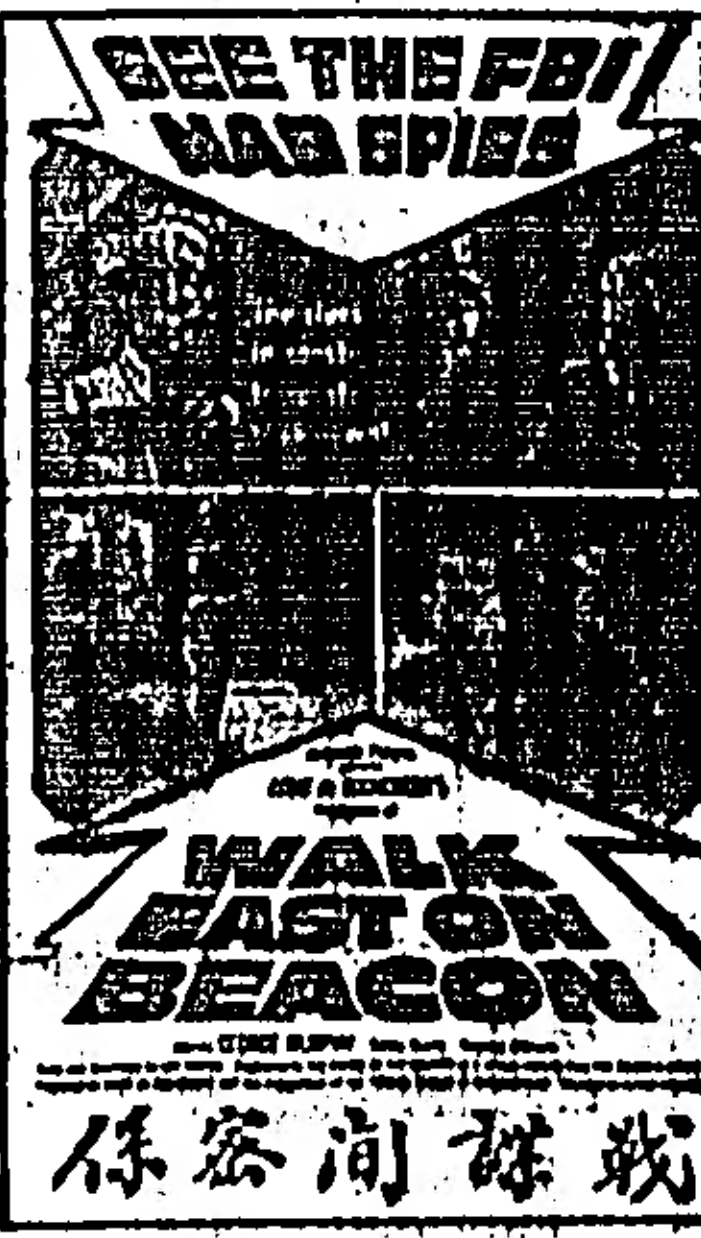
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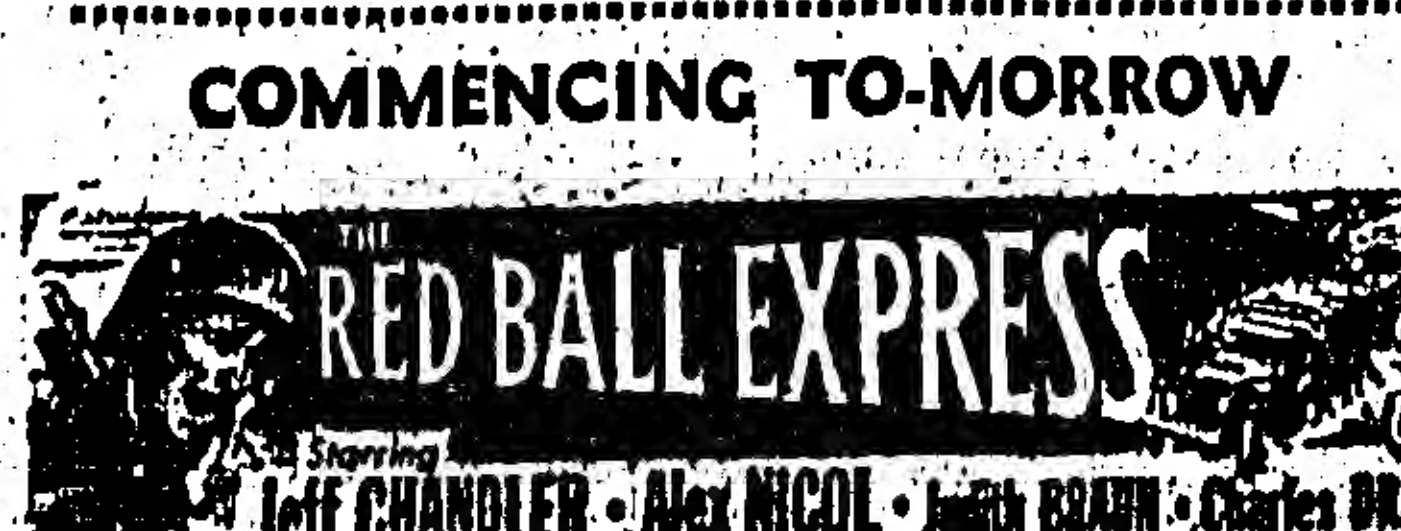
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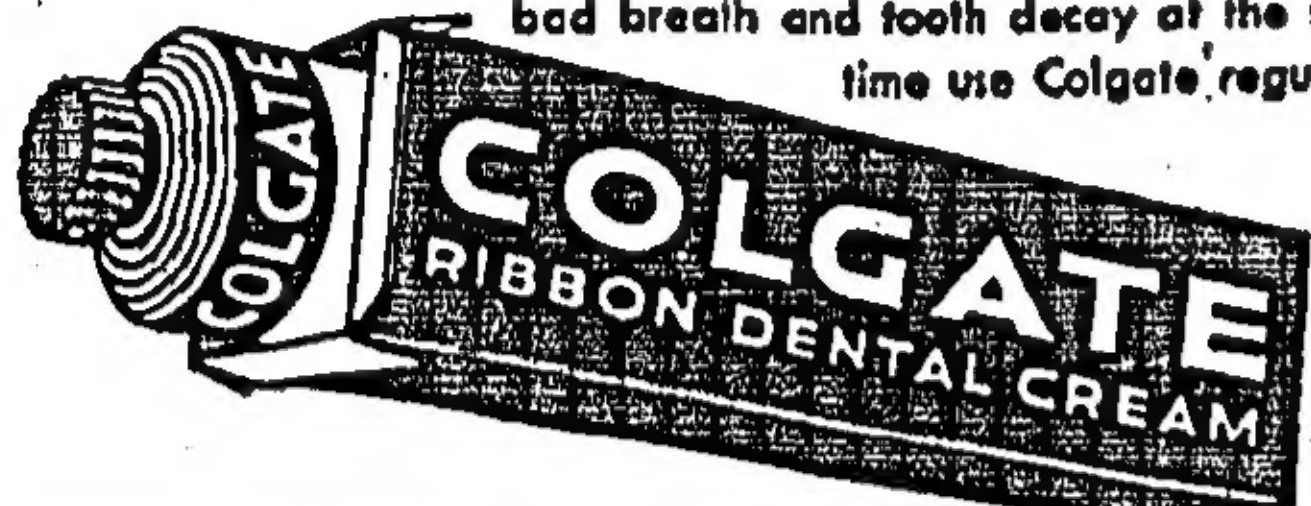
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"Cave, boys! Shop steward coming up—hide the sweets you've bought with yer tanner off yer tax."

I MARCH OUT OF COLDITZ

OUR "Goon watch" on the routine activity of the enemy within the castle brought us much useful information.

For instance, I learned that each person who entered the inner courtyard collected a brass, numbered disc at the guard-house, showed it to the sentry at the gates and returned it to the guard-house on leaving.

One of these discs was acquired during the latter part of June, 1944, when an elderly house-painter was bribed with tobacco to leave his disc behind him and inform the guard of its loss. It had already been placed among the communal store of aids to escape.

I had next to find a German uniform for my escape from the castle and suitable attire for making my way 400 miles to Switzerland. A complete German soldier's uniform might be acquired by corruption over a period of years. But I was impatient to be free. I bartered a whole month's ration of Red Cross chocolate for an ancient Polish tunic, remotely resembling in length and design that worn by German private soldiers.

HOW could it be rendered field-grey? It was made of smooth, thin cloth of khaki colour. I thought first that I would dye it, having had some experience with indelible pencil leads. But eventually paint, bought for creating a backcloth of trees for the camp theatre, provided an amateurish solution.

During several evenings I patiently smeared this paint in what I believed was the right shade of field-grey on the surface of the tunic. When the tunic was ready I took it to a Polish tailor who sewed on the left breast pocket insignia of cardboard, painted silver.

Next came epaulettes with white numerals; a forage cap (of Polish origin) daubed with paint, and with white piping and eagle's wings and swastika badge (cardboard). R.A.F. trousers which at night resembled the dark grey German uniform, and a splendid pair of jackboots bought from a Polish orderly.

This hastily contrived disguise could never have passed by daylight. Even if it were possible to get beyond the door of the inner courtyard and surrender the brass disc, a series of obstacles, mainly sentries, confronted the escaper.

I HAD in fact no clear vision of what I should do when I emerged with my brass disc from the courtyard, only some shadowy idea that I would steal a bicycle from a rack in the outer courtyard and pedal across the moat-bridge past the sentry at the last gateway.

I aimed to impersonate the humblest N.C.O.—a Gefreiter or lance-corporal. My chief anxiety was not the manufacture of a weapon. I decided that the Gefreiter would be on some special duty without a rifle, but even so, a bayonet in a scabbard was necessary. An officer of the Royal Tank Corps carved me one from a cardboard, and

Preceding chapters: The author, banished to Colditz Castle, the "Bad Boys" Camp, after an almost successful attempt to escape to Russia from a German P.O.W. camp in Poland, helps in one of many tunnel schemes for a break-out from the almost escape-proof castle. But for himself he plans a walk-out dressed in a home-made "German" uniform.

They Have Their Exits

Chapter 8
By Airey Neave,
D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

It was a hot evening in August 1941, when I went on parade at nine with a British Army overcoat over my sham uniform. Beneath my overcoat I held my false German cap.

The counting done, the order to dismiss was given, and the prisoners in a surging mass moved towards their quarters.

SOMEONE quickly removed my khaki overcoat from my shoulders. I placed my German cap squarely on my head, stuck out my chest and marched towards the main door.

It was half-open and a German under-officer put his head inside. I spoke to him nervously.

"I have a message to the Kommandant from Hauptmann Priem."

CAN THE RUSSIANS SAIL SHIPS?

(WITH THE SECOND LARGEST NAVY)

by COLLIN BROOKS

FEW elected representatives of the British race of seadogs lounged into the debating chamber of the House of Commons to hear the Navy Estimates. Those who did were chilled and startled by almost the opening words of the First Lord of the Admiralty.

He revealed that the Soviet Navy now is the second largest navy—second only to the American Navy.

There was reason to be startled by the realisation that the British Navy has taken third place. There was no reason for the chill.

Britain may be third in the tally of ships. She remains first in the knowledge of how ships are to be sailed and used.

Landlubbers talk much of road sense; there is such a thing as sea sense.

Sea sense is native to the British. It is remote and

udden search of the British quarters for escape materials and captured it under the floorboards of my bed. I had the mortification of seeing a lousy German officer walking unsteadily in the courtyard with it on top of his uniform hat. I had to be content with a sid cap of indelible blue like my jacket.

Other equipment included a map of the Swiss frontier, traced from a stolen one; a false identity card made by a Dutch officer; money from black market deals with guards; and the compass rescued from the Gestapo at Plock.

He took the brass disc from me and let me pass. In the arc lights outside the gate his face seemed pale and anxious. He said nothing but stared at me sharply as I turned on my heel and marched away from the guardhouse. My Polish boots rang smartly on the rampart and my wooden bayonet flapped against my side.

I marched quickly, anxious to avoid the lights and reach the bicycles before the alarm was given.

I felt again the sense of being free. It was like a drug. I felt that I was acting in a theatre where no audience could hear me. My performance was for my own enjoyment. I smiled to myself and walked on.

When I was close to the first archway there was a loud shout behind me.

"Halt!"

Tomorrow—"You will be shot!"

Great. He took back and taught to his people the craft of shipbuilding.

That first Russian Navy did little to mark the pages of history. It had some half-victories over the Turks. It had one petty triumph over the Swedes, at a point called Hanko Head.

Then it sank into the obscurity of the nineteenth century.

In the early years of this century it emerged from that obscurity in a startling way. War came between Russia and Japan in 1904.

The modern Russian fleet steamed away to teach the upstart Japanese a lesson.

As it crossed the North Sea there loomed through the murk and mist another fleet.

The trigger-nervous Russians opened fire.

But the fleet at which they loosed their broadsides was the English Dogger Bank fishing fleet.

The Russians met the Japanese fleet at last in the waters of distant Port Arthur.

There was a swift, sudden night attack by Admiral Togo, and the Russian fleet was annihilated.

All it had done was to establish Japan as a first-class naval Power, and lead the way to the 1917 Russian revolution.

In the two world wars the Russians suffered heavy losses, but they did nothing to fill the



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LEILA, NAGUIB'S NIGHTINGALE

By Sylvia Clayton

ONE woman, and only one, has so far achieved a starring role in the all-male cast of General Naguib's military regime.

She is Leila (pronounced as in 'lilac') Mourad, plump, torch-singing star of Egyptian film musicals.

For the General has ordered her recording of his Liberation Song—an oriental Marseillaise—to be played every night at the beginning of every film show in Egypt. As the revolutionary words of the song flash on the screen in lime-green Arabic, cinemagoers join in the chorus with fervent enthusiasm.

Naguib's selection of Leila as "The Voice" of his military regime was a surprise. To Egyptians. Yet it has been one of the General's happiest inspirations.

Heard Everywhere

ONE hears the song everywhere. At official functions, on the radio, in coffee shops and in bazaars. And Leila's recording is already a bestseller.

She puts over the fiery lyrics exhorting Egyptians to "awake and unite with their blood-brothers of the Sudan" in the metallic, seductive voice with which she usually sings mel-

choly Arabic love songs. The song, however, has a catchy tune in two-step beat.

Within 48 hours of the official approval of the words by General Naguib, every prominent Egyptian male singer had made a recording of it. The General and the young officers of his Revolutionary Committee listened to them all to select the best rendering.

Final Choice

LEILA, whom he had first heard, was the General's final choice. Leila must sing it for Egypt, he said. And—in a land where women are still voiceless and only slowly shaking off the Islamic veil and harem conventions—he unhesitatingly approved her.

Madame Mourad herself is delighted, but still a little astonished. Looking more like a French housewife, in her plain black jumper and skirt, than the Middle East's most popular romantic star, she told me: "It is perhaps surprising. The song is very different from my usual numbers. I am a romantic! My favourite role is Marguerite in 'The Lady of the Camellias'."

In convent-school French, polished by trips to see the Fifth and Dior collections, she explained how the song first came to the General's ears.

"The General announced unexpectedly that he would attend the premiere in Cairo of a film about the great Moustapha Kemal of Turkey. The producers were frantic. How could they honour his presence?"

1 Hour, 10 Mins

AND then Medhat Assam, our leading composer—who wrote the music for the Kemal film—announced: 'I will write a patriotic song.' He was inspired. He dashed off five long verses in one hour and asked them to a tune in ten minutes. Would I sing the song? I hesitated on singing it.

"I wore honey-beige for the premiere," Leila continued. "Great artists do not need to wear strident colours."

"I sang the song," I think I can say it was enthusiastically received. I saw the General joining in the chorus. "At the end of the show," he heard that the General liked it so much he had chosen it as his song. And I was invited to make the official recording. I was enchanted."

For 19 years Leila has been the Middle East's highest paid woman star—£12,000 a film. And she has averaged four a year in a land where there is no surfeit.

She has no intention of leaving Egypt, even though, she says, Hollywood has been "interested."

Age a Secret

"I COULDN'T bear to film as I would have to do for Hollywood. I love good food. And even Hollywood stars have to escape to France to find good cooking. When I was in Paris, I was eating a kind of spaghetti in Paris with the joy of a famished urchin!"

Leila, whose marriage to her leading man, Anwar Wagdi, was dissolved last year after eight years of married life, keeps her age a secret. But with her poised and elegant, and the complexion and black hair, Leila is good for many more films before producers begin to worry.

Naguib's nightingale in her flat with its ornate pink curtains and elaborate gilded furniture—symbol of success in Egypt, like milk in Hollywood—looks the picture of contentment.

RED FLEET

This is what Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, the First Lord of the Admiralty, told M.P.s: "Today, the Soviet Navy has about 20 very powerful cruisers, over 100 destroyers, and more than 200 submarines of all classes. All ships are kept manned, with the result that Russia has today the second largest navy in commission."

world with wonder at their naval prowess.

What was to their credit was the way in which they repaired those losses. In the second world war they learned much from the allies, and even more, after the war, from German technicians.

"The increase in the speed of their programme has been very remarkable of late," said the First Lord of the Admiralty.

But this second largest fleet is not manned by a race of seamen. Those 350 submarines have not only to be manned, but manned by the right crews.

Sense Of The Sea

A sense of the sea, a sense of discipline, an inherited understanding of naval warfare—these the British have, the Americans may yet more fully display, but the Russians certainly have not.

Even if the Russian Navy were manned by a race of fighting seamen, the danger would not be as pessimists have painted it.

The Russian Navy is the second largest in commission, but it lags far into inferiority compared with the combined Anglo-American power.

Sea power rests on three things—ships, skill, and economic strength. Russia has the ships. Britain and America have the ships and the skill and the economic strength.

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Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 1st May, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at—

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

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MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order of the Stewards
H. MISA,
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From the left—Hill, Bemand, Langley, Hole, MacDonald and Archer watch a planer at work during a visit to the Stuart Surridge cricket bat factory at Bermondsey. Standing behind is Percy Surridge, brother of Stuart. — Central Press Photo.

Hongkong Redeems Some Of Its
Lost Soccer Prestige With A
5-3 Victory Over The Koreans

By "SPIV"

Hongkong redeemed some of its soccer prestige after two successive defeats from Indonesia when the Rest XI defeated the touring Korean side by 5-3 at the Club ground yesterday.

Against a team that depended more on speed rather than on tactical play, the local XI's superiority in tactics and more constructive moves were evident from the opening whistle and gave them a definite advantage throughout the match despite the fact that the score was 1-2 against them in the first half.

The sturdy Koreans were individually tough and fit, lasting the pace well although not utilising the ball to the full, and showed themselves to be excellent material for a formidable team with improvement in constructive play.

Conspicuous among them in yesterday's match were their left-half, Joo Yung-kwang, and their left-back, Park Dai-jong. Their forwards, who depended mainly on through tactics, were a little on the slow side with the exception of Choi Yung-keun, whose fast positioning in the open spaces and whose strong kick enabled him to score two of his side's three goals besides coming close to scoring a couple more.

Hongkong's defence played a steady game throughout, the only lapse perhaps being that of goalkeeper Leung Ting-tong when he let through a 40-yard shot by the Korean left-half.

Barnicle-at-right-back was outstanding among the defenders while Santos, Nien and Tso Kam-hung gave a more than creditable display. Chan Fai-hung, however, was a little off-colour.

Santos Man was the live-wire of the forward line and was a constant menace to the Korean goal with his first-time volleys. A brilliant combination was struck between him and Chu Wing-wah on the right wing and the right-half combination of these two forwards was responsible for most of Hongkong's goals.

THE GOALS

Hongkong opened the scoring in the eighth minute of play when a forward lung through pass by Chang Kam-hoi was pounced upon by Kam Lok-sang who followed the ball through into the net with his right foot.

Five minutes later, left-half Joo Yung-kwang brought the ball up and from almost 40 yards range beat Leung Ting-tong with a long rising shot that went past Leung's outstretched hands.

Just before the interval the Koreans took the lead when their inside-right moved over into the left open space, beat Nien in a close tussle at the goal line and pushed the ball past the advancing Leung into the net.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep
on the
Hong Kong Derby
Saturday, 2nd May, 1953.

Tickets in the above at \$2.00 each may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at—

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Over 800,000 tickets sold to date.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

European Baseball
Federation To
Be Formed

Paris, Apr. 27.

Representatives of France, Italy, Belgium, West Germany and Spain today decided to create a European Baseball Federation.

British and Dutch baseball organisations said word they approved the idea and their federations is expected.

The five nations' delegates will set up Federation rules, and choose the Council and the seat of the continental body.

The organisation of international matches and tournaments is one of the chief goals of the new Federation. — Associated Press.

BASEBALL
BRIEFS

New York, Apr. 27.

Four Major League players have pinch-hit home runs so far this year.

They are Peanut Lowrey, St. Louis Cardinals; Tom Uhlrich, Detroit Tigers; Dick Kryhoski, St. Louis Browns; and Eddie Pellagrini of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

GRAND SLAM HOMERS

Cleveland, Apr. 27.

Al Rosen is one of three Major League players to hit a grand slam home run this season. Rosen connected with the bases loaded in Sunday's nightcap against the Detroit Tigers.

The others to turn the trick are Dick Kryniski of the St. Louis Browns and Pittsburgh's Frank Thomas. — Associated Press.

LOTS OF WORK

St. Louis, Apr. 27.

For an old man, Satchel Paige is getting lots of work.

The veteran Brownie relief pitcher has appeared in four of his club's 11 games. Each time the Browns won but Satch has yet to be credited with a victory.

Paige was relief in Sunday's first game against the Chicago White Sox. — Associated Press.

LONG-BALL HITTING

Detroit, Apr. 27.

One of the few bright spots for the Detroit Tigers so far has been the long-ball hitting of outfielder Bob Newman.

Newman has pounded out five homers and two homers among his 13 hits for a slugging percentage of .400. — Associated Press.

TOMMY FARR
INVITED TO
SINGAPORE

Singapore, Apr. 27.

The former world heavyweight contender and once Empire champion, Tommy Farr, has been invited to Singapore to meet Ansel Adams of Trinidad in a 10-round match, it was learned today.

The Singapore promoter, Abdul Razak, made the offer after getting approval from Adams. — United Press.

WONG PENG-SOON TO PLAY
HERE IN EXHIBITION
MATCHES ON MAY 4

By "ARGONAUT"

Hongkong's badminton enthusiasts will be given another opportunity of seeing in action the unofficial World Badminton Champion, Wong Peng-soon, who is expected to arrive here by air tomorrow on his way to Japan with a party of two other players, Cheong Hock-leng and Charlie Seow, and a team manager, Mr Kang Soon-heng.

Although Peng-soon and his party will only be a few days in Hongkong, the Hongkong Badminton Association has taken the opportunity of arranging an exhibition match for the benefit of the public at the Southern Playground on Monday, May 4, at 8 p.m.

The detailed programme for the night's matches has not been fixed, pending the arrival of the visitors, but it is expected that the main attraction of the evening's games will be a singles exhibition match between Peng-soon and Cheong Hock-leng.

In addition to this, the three visiting players will probably take on local players in two singles and one doubles matches.

Wong Peng-soon is undoubtedly the most colourful figure in badminton today, with the possible exception of Dr Dave Freeman of America who, however, recently announced that his return to badminton was only a temporary one as he will have little time to spare for competitive badminton when he starts his own neuro-surgery practice in San Diego, California.

Wong has dominated the Malayan badminton world for 10 years, winning his first of ten Malayan titles in 1937.

Although he was the fourth player to win the All-England Championships three years in succession, the three earlier successive winners being Sir George Thomas, J. F. Devlin and R. C. F. Nichols, Wong's feat was the most creditable in view of the more international competition during the last few years.

In addition to the All-England title, Wong has also at one time or other won the National Championships of Denmark, India and the Philippines.

Last year he successfully went through strong international opposition at Kuala Lumpur, crowning his badminton achievements by winning the unofficial World Championship at Kuala Lumpur. Wong is regarded as the perfect stylist in stroke production and is the ideal model for all up and coming players to copy.

TWO MORE

Cheong Hock-leng, the unofficial World runner-up, he reached the final in the unofficial World Championships — will be a fitting opponent to Wong Peng-soon in the main event of the night's exhibition matches.

In that Championship Cheong eliminated by 15-10 and 15-8 the Malayan runner-up, Abdulhaziz Piruz, who had earlier defeated America's Thomas Cupper Martin Mendez in three sets.

Cheong has also had a colourful badminton career since he burst into the limelight in 1950 when he defeated Wong Peng-soon in the final of the Singapore Championships.

Last year he became runner-up to Wong in the Philippines Invitational Championships and together with Wong is the Doubles co-Champion.

A strongly-built player, Cheong possesses a wide variety of attractive strokes and in particular a very strong smash.

Charlie Seow, the third playing member of the touring group, holds an enviable record in Malayan badminton, having held the Singles title of Malaya nine years and the Doubles title no fewer than 15 times.

The Fabulous Mrs Zaharias
May Never Hit
Another Golf Ball
By WILL GRIMSLEY

New York, Apr. 27.

It's hard for the American sports world to conceive that the famous woman athlete, Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, may never hit another golf ball or may never compete in another athletic event.

The supple, sinewy daughter of a Norwegian immigrant to the U.S., now seriously ill in Beaumont, Texas, has become the American symbol of female athletic excellence. Some have even acclaimed her the greatest woman athlete who ever lived.

When in February, 1950, American sports writers were polled by the Associated Press on the outstanding athletes of the century, the women's division was a runaway for the fabulous girl from Texas.

"Like port wine, the older I get the better I get," jokingly remarked Mrs Zaharias at the time, warning that she also planned to be the best athlete of the second half-century. She is now 39.

Not even from men's rank has anyone risen in America to challenge the "Babe" for the diversity of her achievements.

WORLD RECORDS

As a tall, raw-boned girl of 19, she set world records in the javelin and 80 Metres Hurdles in the 1932 Olympic at Los Angeles. She also won the High Jump with a record leap, but was disqualified for diving head-first over the bar. A three-event limit kept her out of the sprint.

She was twice an All-American as a basketball forward, star of the National Champion Dallas (Texas) team, and was a home run slugger on a women's amateur baseball line.

FIRST TIME IN 95

The five-foot-six, powerfully-built "Babe" shot a 65 the first round of golf she ever played. She was in the top 50's within a month. In her first tournament she won medalist honours with a 77. That was in 1934.

Able to outwit her women rivals' 100 to 150 yards off the tee, she won the Women's American National Amateur and the All-America Open while sweeping through 17 straight tournaments in 1940. In 1947, she became the first American to win the British Amateur Women's title.

She once scored an informal victory over Britain's Amateur Men's Champion, Max McCready. She challenged Billy Maxwell, the United States' 1951 National Amateur Champion, and tried to enter the Men's National Open. Neither venture ever succeeded. The men wouldn't give her a chance. — Associated Press.

Home Soccer
Results

London, Apr. 27.

The following were the results of football played today:

Division I

Sunderland 4 Cardiff 2

Div. III (South)

Milwall 3 Colchester 1

Div. III (North)

Scunthorpe 1 Wrexham 2

Football "A"

Airdrie 1 Lanark 2

Glasgow Charity Cup

1st Round

Partick Th. 2 Queen's Park 2

Queen's Park won the match on the loss of a goal.

Other Matches

Watford 2 London All-

Star XI 4

Queen's Park 5 La Gantoise 0

(Belgium) 0

—Reuter.

Diocesan Boys

Win Badminton

Championship

By beating La Salle College by three matches to two at

Grantham Training College,

Diocesan Boys School yesterday

became the schoolboy badminton

champion.

Queen's College were runners-up, with La Salle a close

third.

DPS beat La Salle 2-1.

Long Hing-jok (DPS) beat E. Marqueton (LS) 15-11.

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"HUPEH"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 1st May	10 a.m. 1st May
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"BENROCH"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama 23rd May
"BENWYVIS"	Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, Liverpool, Dublin and Antwerp 26th May
"BENALBANACH"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama 6th June
"BENROCH"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London, Rotterdam and Hull 10th June
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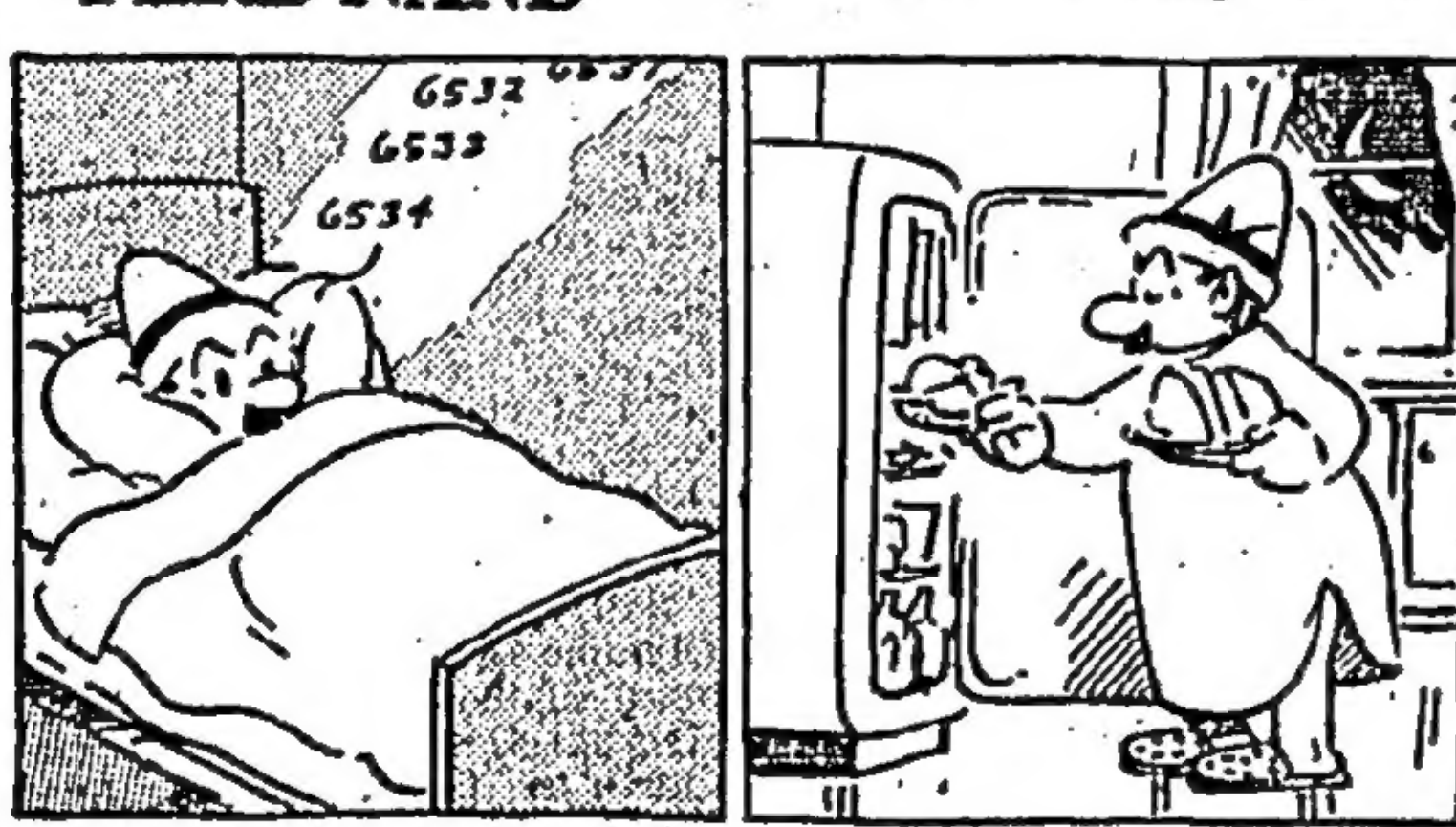
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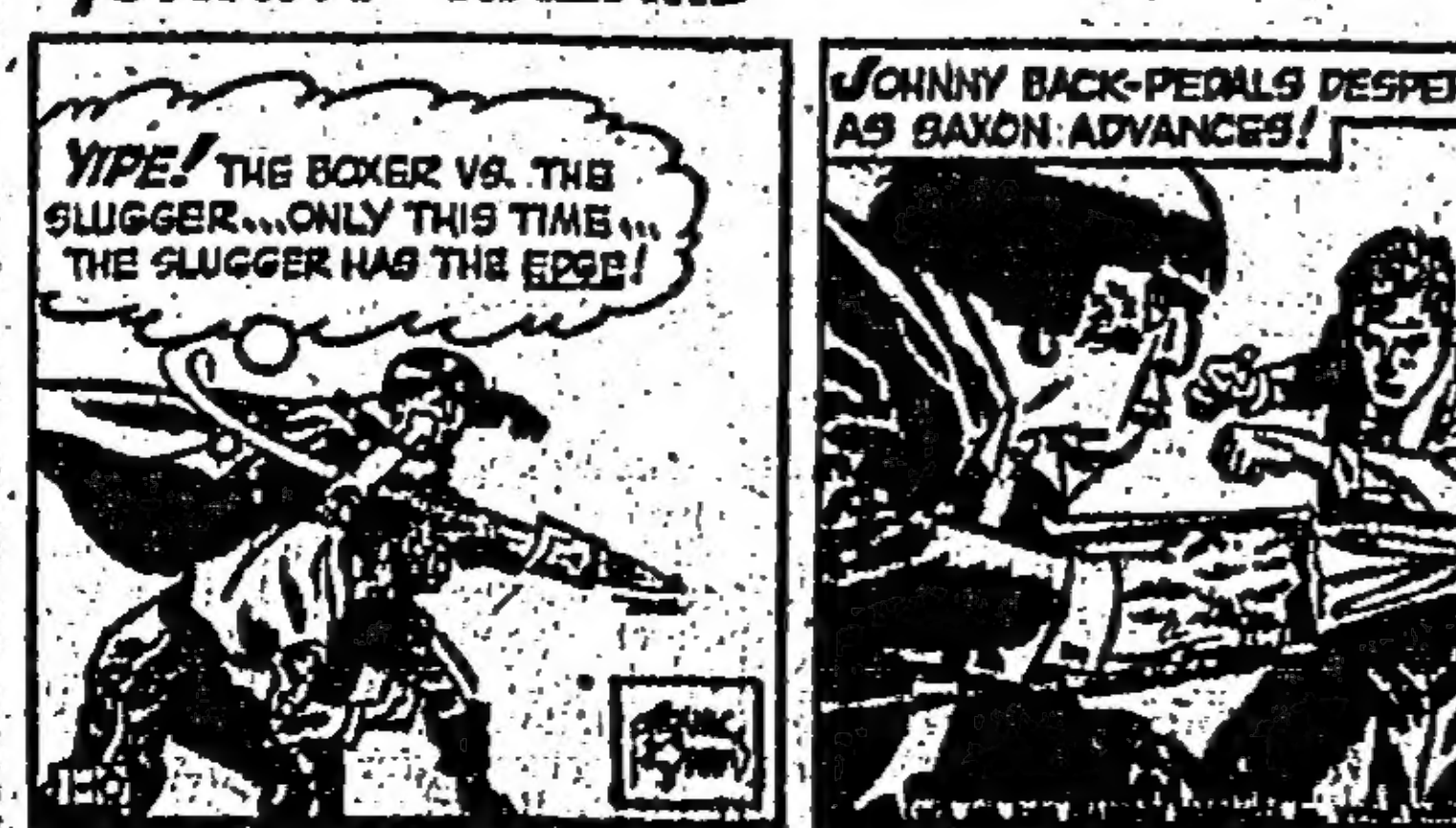


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Federation Scheme Under Fire

London, Apr. 27.

Mr. Dingle Foot, former Liberal MP, said tonight that the Government's proposal to "force through" Central African federation was not only politically unwise but "morally indefensible."

And the step was also of doubtful legality, he told a Liberal Party anti-federation protest meeting.

Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland had been voluntarily placed under British protection but their people were not British subjects.

It was now proposed, Mr. Foot continued, that a very large part, if not the whole of the functions of the Government, should be handed over to what was in fact a new state.

"It is at least arguable that this is a breach of the original agreement."

Mr. Foot said that in so far as the British Government transferred their functions to the new federal Parliament, they divested themselves of the power to carry out obligations under the United Nations Charter in relation to the peoples of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Nyasaland chiefs had applied to the International Court of Justice for consideration of their case.

"If Her Majesty's Government really wish to demonstrate their unfavourable support for the rule of law in international affairs, there can be no good reason why they should not agree that this scheme should be submitted for the court's opinion."—Reuter.

Tokyo, Apr. 27.

The Tokyo District Court today dismissed a suit by the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan against the Welfare Ministry's prohibition of use of the Imperial Palace plaza in Tokyo for May Day rallies.

The Welfare Ministry, which takes care of parks, prohibited the use of the plaza except for national events after last May Day when a labour rally developed into a riot.—Reuter.

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AFRICANS AS ARMY OFFICERS

Lagos, Apr. 27.

Mr. Henry Hopkinson, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, today asked as many West Africans as possible to come forward for service as army officers.

"To encourage potential officers and men to come forward," he added in a broadcast over Nigerian Radio, "we must have satisfactory pay and pension schemes."

The point had been discussed at the West African forces conference which met here last week under his chairmanship.

The conference was called to discuss military problems of four British West African territories—Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Gambia and Sierra Leone.

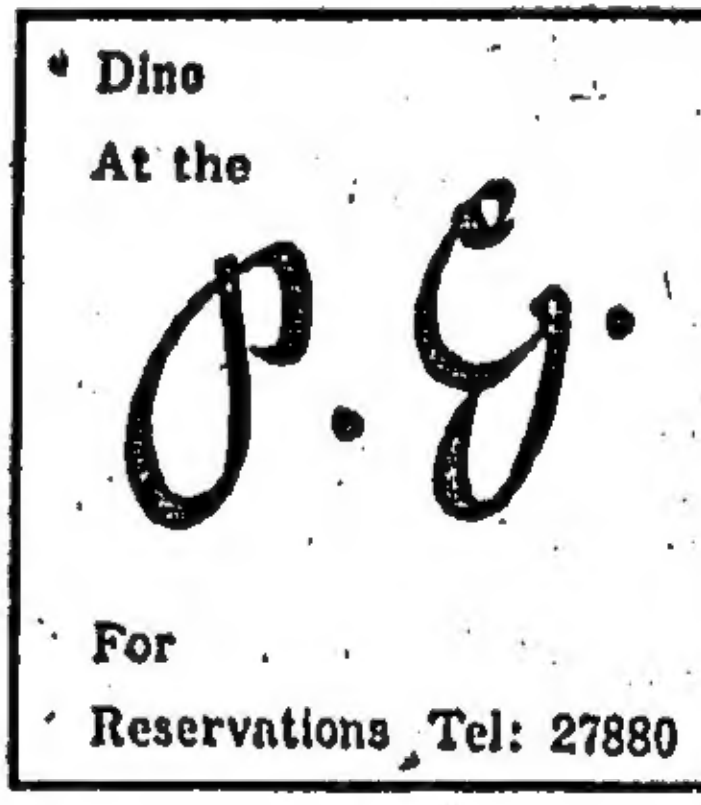
It considered a long-term military building programme and plans to train African officers in Britain.

"This is the first time, as far as I know, that United Kingdom and African Ministers together with officials and experts have sat down to discuss West African problems," Mr. Hopkinson said.

"I am glad to say that our proceedings were conducted throughout with the utmost goodwill and cordiality."

West Africans had presented their case on various issues with considerable success, as United Kingdom delegates had good reason to know, he said.

Mr. Hopkinson said it would be improper for him to reveal the recommendations of the conference, recommending that this moment, they would have to be submitted to five governments concerned.—Reuter.



Soviet Russian Offer To Britain: Wants Increase In Trade

Bearish Mood In Wall St.

New York, Apr. 27. Bearishness is spreading in Wall Street. Cautious storm warnings are being hoisted by some. The cause is the fall by the stock market to new lows for the year. Most of the market's gains in the post-election boom have evaporated. That looks like a bleak picture, and some feel that it is as bleak as it looks, but there is a strong undercurrent of optimism in Wall Street based on the inherent strength of the nation's economy. A lot of bearishness is coming from chart readers. These are the men who plot the course of the stock market as measured by various averages composed of a selection of key stocks. Many persons disparage chart theories. Every influence on the stock market of trading based on chart readings must be taken into consideration. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks declined last week to a new low for the year. From top to bottom the decline ranged around 50 per cent of the advance in the average since the Presidential election. The fall has been going on for the last five weeks without encountering sustained support.

THE QUESTION
Chartists believe that a reaction of one-third to two-thirds of a previous advance is normal. The question for them to answer now is whether the current reaction has exceeded what they call normal bounds. Last week the market chose to ignore brilliant earnings reports turned by many major corporations. It turned the same old shoulder to corporate executives' word portraits of a bright future.

LITTLE SELLING
The gradual trend to higher interest rates got close attention. For many months the move has been toward higher money cost. It is showing up in Wall Street in the form of higher rates on money that brokers and others need to do business. The cuts in profits. Higher interest rates tend to exert a deflationary influence on the national economy.

All of this bearishness last week didn't bring out intense selling. The daily average volume of business was 157,200 shares, considerably below the daily average so far this year. Those who believe the market isn't in a stage of transition and isn't ready to enter a new bearish phase would like to see some raising sessions with heavy selling. That, they believe, would enable the market to get the selling out of its system and prepare for the traditional summer rally. Prices were up on average last week on two days—Monday and Friday—but nevertheless minus signs predominated. On the other three days the market was down all around. On Thursday it suffered most with a fairly sharp decline on expanded volume. The selling was orderly and concentrated in the final stages of the day. —Associated Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Apr. 27. World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales totalling 210 contracts. Domestic No. 6 closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales totalling 31 contracts. World contracts remained active and a shade easier while the domestic futures market was steady in a light turnover. 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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A Family Affair

HUSBANDS and wives who appear together in the dock, as a rule glow sullenly at each other. You feel that, within themselves, each blames the other for the crime that has brought them there, and the atmosphere is heavy with unspoken recriminations.

If they look at each other at all these days, "You wait till we get outside. I'll make you sorry you landed us here."

COURTESY

THE case of Jean and her husband John was notably different.

Jean is a dark-haired, good-looking Scottish woman in her early thirties. John, her second husband, is three years older than his wife, but looks a great deal younger than his 36 years.

He is a small, neat man, whose white hard collar, trim moustache and quiff of fair hair, give him the brightly innocent air of a hero in an early Wells novel.

Jean landed his wife into the dock at Bow Street as a groom might hand his bride into the wedding car, with a gentle courtesy which for a moment took the worry from her face, as she smiled her gratitude.

SOLIDARITY

AND all through the hearing of the case, these two exchanged small looks and gestures of encouragement that emphasized their solidarity.

Jean was charged with stealing, and John with receiving, nine silver-plated spoons and three silver-plated forks from the restaurant where she had worked for several years.

They both pleaded guilty, and a detective went into the witness-box to tell the Chief Magistrate, Sir Laurence Dunne, about their crime.

"As a result of a complaint," he said, "I went to their home and told them I believed they had some cutlery there that belonged to the restaurant."

"The woman said 'I believe there is a knife and fork in the kitchen somewhere. I meant to take them back long ago.'"

In a kitchen drawer the detective had found the nine spoons and the three forks.

SUPPORT

"THERE are no previous convictions in either case," the detective went on.

"The husband is a garage-hand and gets £5 a week; the wife has been working as a waitress at £3 15s. 6d. and tips. There are two children, aged 14 and 15, from her first marriage."

"I see," said Sir Laurence, and he said to Jean: "What do you want to say?"

Her husband moved a little closer to give her support, but in spite of his help, she could only whisper the things she wanted to say.

"I took them when we were struggling to get our home together," she said, "I did mean to take them back."

"I know it was very wrong, but they can't become part of the house. That's all I can say except I'm terribly sorry."

APPLAUSE

JOHN did not actually applaud her difficult speech, but he looked approvingly at her.

"I was a fool," he said, "I should have done something about seeing they went back. I don't think there's any more I can say except I'm very sorry."

Sir Laurence looked at them thoughtfully for a moment, then said: "I hope nothing of this sort ever happens again. For your good characters have gone, you see. Now you have to get them back. You will each pay 40s., and you may have two weeks in which to pay."

"Oh, sir, we can't have longer?" said Jean, with great urgency. "My job's gone, you see, sir."

"Very well, I'll make it three weeks," the Chief Magistrate said, "but I'll fix an alternative. One month's imprisonment if the fines are not paid."

John and Jean left the court. A struggle lay ahead of them, but it would be a struggle shared—the manner of their going said that.

Ready For Pact

Moscow, Apr. 28.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, declared today that the Soviet Union was ready to join a five-power peace pact.—Reuter.

SEARCH FOR A COMPROMISE AT PANMUNJOM

Tokyo, Apr. 28.

United Nations and Communist truce negotiators met at 11 a.m. in the third session of the renewed armistice talks today in search of a compromise between their two widely differing plans for disposing of war prisoners who are unwilling to go home.

The meetings of the previous two days have produced no concrete results and the two sides were left deadlocked on the custody of unwilling prisoners and the choice of a neutral state.

Today's session, it was hoped, could fill in the two vital blank spaces in the opposing plan.

"Horror" Comics Ban Demand

Canberra, Apr. 27.

Mr Arthur Calwell, fiery deputy leader of the Opposition, has demanded that the introduction of "horror" comics into Australia be banned.

Mr Calwell, who heads the strong Roman Catholic section of the Labour Party, produced two comic books in Parliament which he said "assaulted the intelligence of Australians."

He also attacked the American serial writer Mickey Spillane—who has reportedly sold a record 13,000,000 copies.

Spillane always starts his stories at the end and works towards the beginning," charged Mr Calwell. "He ends with a smash-hit climax of lust and barbarity."

He then added: "The children of today who read the trash of Spillane will be the citizens of tomorrow. Thirteen million copies of his stories are on sale and I fail to see why any government should make dollars available for the importation of such literature."

Volcano Erupts Again

Near Mt Aso, Kyushu, Apr. 28.

A volcano famed for its scenic beauty in the heart of Kyushu, erupted again with a thunderous roar at 2.10 this morning shooting up 400 metres into the sky a huge column of black smoke reminiscent of an atomic bomb cloud.

A torrent of rocks half the size of a man were shot into the air, coming down around the crater.

A light tremor was felt by residents at Bechu some 10 kms away.

The first eruption, which began at about 11.30 a.m. yesterday caused the death of five persons while fourteen suffered severe injuries and 47 were slightly hurt, according to reports received.

The five dead are a policeman, his son, two high school students and a member of a Young Men's Association.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Signal and Programme

Summary: 6.02. Melody with the Stars: 6.30. Twilight Harmony: 7.00. Hearing presented by Doris Brookes (Studio): 7.30. La Demitisee: 8.00. (Studio): 8.30. Weather: 8.45. Time Signal: 9.00. News and News Talk (London Relay): 9.15. Rhythm and Rhythm: 9.30. (Studio): 9.45. Rhythm and Rhythm: 10.00. (Studio): 10.15. Rhythm and Rhythm: 10.30. (Studio): 10.45. Rhythm and Rhythm: 11.00. (Studio): 11.15. Rhythm and Rhythm: 11.30. Close Down.

"What's Her Line?" Solution LAUNDRESS London, Regent Hotel

Fought Off Mau Mau Gang



Miss Jean Scott, 30, who led the charge that dispersed a gang of armed Mau Mau raiders at Nanyuki, Kenya. Although Miss Scott carries an automatic pistol she dislikes firearms and says she is not a very good shot. She is keeping secret the name of the house servant who warned her of the Mau Mau attack because she does not want to place him in peril. — London Express Photo.

Arguments Between Counsel In The King Case

Arguments between Mr M. A. da Silva and Mr A. J. Clifford took place at Central this morning, when the case against James Joseph Osbourne King, 45, merchant of 20 Braga Circuit, re-opened. King is alleged to have fraudulently taken a sum of \$6,305.94 for the use of his wife from George Falconer and Company, Ltd, on November 17, 1950, while a Director of the Company.

He is represented by Mr M. A. da Silva, and the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, both instructed by Mr A. S. C. Comer, appear for the Prosecution. The case is being heard before Mr Peon Yen-hoi.

The arguments arose over the re-examination of Mr R. C. Chapman of the Mercantile Bank. Questioned by Mr da Silva, Mr Chapman said he was aware that there was exchange control in Australia and that before a merchant could import goods he bought from overseas he had to apply for an exchange permit to pay for the goods.

Mr Chapman said when a person wanted to import luxury goods and found it difficult to get the necessary exchange, he could conceivably send goods out and draw a bill for less than their true value.

In such cases, Mr Silva submitted, adjustments had to be made to the insurance, so as to avoid indicating to the exchange commissioner any possibility of a control evasion.

When an Australian went abroad he would be restricted in the amount of currency he could take for his expenses, and one of his methods of evading that and to have extra funds for his journey overseas would be to send goods out of the country and draw a bill for less than the value, keeping the excess funds for use overseas, Mr Silva asked.

Mr Chapman offered no definite opinion on this.

FRAUDULENT
Mr Clifford: Such an agreement would be a fraudulent conspiracy to beat exchange control?

Mr Chapman agreed, but said that he knew of no cases where this had been done, although it was possible.

Mr Clifford: Supposing for instance in this case that goods were insured for \$770 and the value of the goods was really \$1,100 and the ship sank, the firm, in this case Falconer, would get value for \$770?—Yes.

Mr Clifford: Would it justify a Director of the firm, putting into his own account the money not used for insurance? Before Mr Chapman could answer Mr Silva submitted that this question was a matter for

Taxi-Cyclist's Evidence At Murder Trial Of British Soldiers

Evidence that he took deceased as a pillion passenger from Camp 61 on a journey to Sek Kong Camp on December 19 last, that they were intercepted on the way by two soldiers, that he became frightened and fled, leaving his passenger behind, was given by Liu To-leung, a taxi-cyclist at the continued hearing of two British soldiers on trial for murder before the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Witness said they were intercepted at a place called Fung Shu Au. The two soldiers were on bicycles approaching from the opposite direction.

On trial are L/Cpl George Robert Douthwaite, 24, of Swanton, Scarborough, and Trooper Douglas Derrick Dalton, 19, of Southampton, both attached to Headquarters, 35, Infantry Brigade, New Territories.

They are charged with the murder of a woman, Ho Sze-mui, 33, a NAAFI employee, whose body was found in a ditch off the motor road leading from the Fanling Cross Road to Sek Kong on the afternoon of December 23, 1952.

The Crown alleges that the two accused, after intercepting the deceased, attacked her with a pair of handcuffs causing wounds on the head from which she died three days afterwards.

Mr Charles E. Loseby, QC, instructed by Mr A. M. J. Soares, is appearing for the first accused, while Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr W. C. H. Carr, represents the second accused.

Appearing for the Crown are Mr A. Hooton, Solicitor-General, and Mr C. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel. Mr D. R. Macpherson and Det. Insp. R. F. Smith were present for the Police.

The Jury empanelled comprises six men and a woman. Ho Sze-mui, 33, was a NAAFI employee, whose body was found in a ditch off the motor road leading from the Fanling Cross Road to Sek Kong on the afternoon of December 23, 1952. This was about 6.30 p.m. he was carrying some seedlings in a paper box.

"We then set off on a journey, with deceased on the back of my bicycle, for Sek Kong Camp via Pat Heung Village," he said.

HAD TO DISMOUNT

Witness said he took Route 2 which was hilly in places. Three times deceased had to dismount because of the inclines.

They were driving for about half an hour when they met two European soldiers at a place called Fung Shu Au. The soldiers were approaching from the opposite direction on bicycles, witness said.

They were wearing military uniforms but were bald.

Continuing, witness said: "The two soldiers dismounted. The taller one grabbed the handle bars of my bicycle while the shorter one grabbed at the woman and took her to one side of the road. The taller one kicked off my bicycle."

Witness said that he then turned round and ran away, pushing hard at his bicycle.

Mr Hooton: Why did you want to get away?

Witness: Because I lost my head.

Why didn't you stay and take your passenger to Sek Kong?—At that time she was snatched away by the soldiers and it was not possible to take her any further.

Witness said after he had run away he turned back and saw the shorter of the two soldiers "grabbing the lady at one side of the road and the taller one standing near."

WOMAN RESISTED
Asked to explain further, witness said that the shorter one took hold of deceased's arm and the scruff of her neck and was trying to lift her off the ground. The woman resisted. Witness said he did not pass anyone on the way.

Cross-examined by Mr Loseby, witness agreed that there were long stretches of the road which were quite straight.

Witness admitted that when he saw evidence in the committal proceedings, he had said that the two soldiers were wearing boots and their trousers were bound up with puttees. He had also said that when they were intercepted it was completely dark. He agreed that he was a considerable distance away when he looked back after he had fled. He saw with his own eyes that "the shorter one grabbed her."

Woman Burned To Death

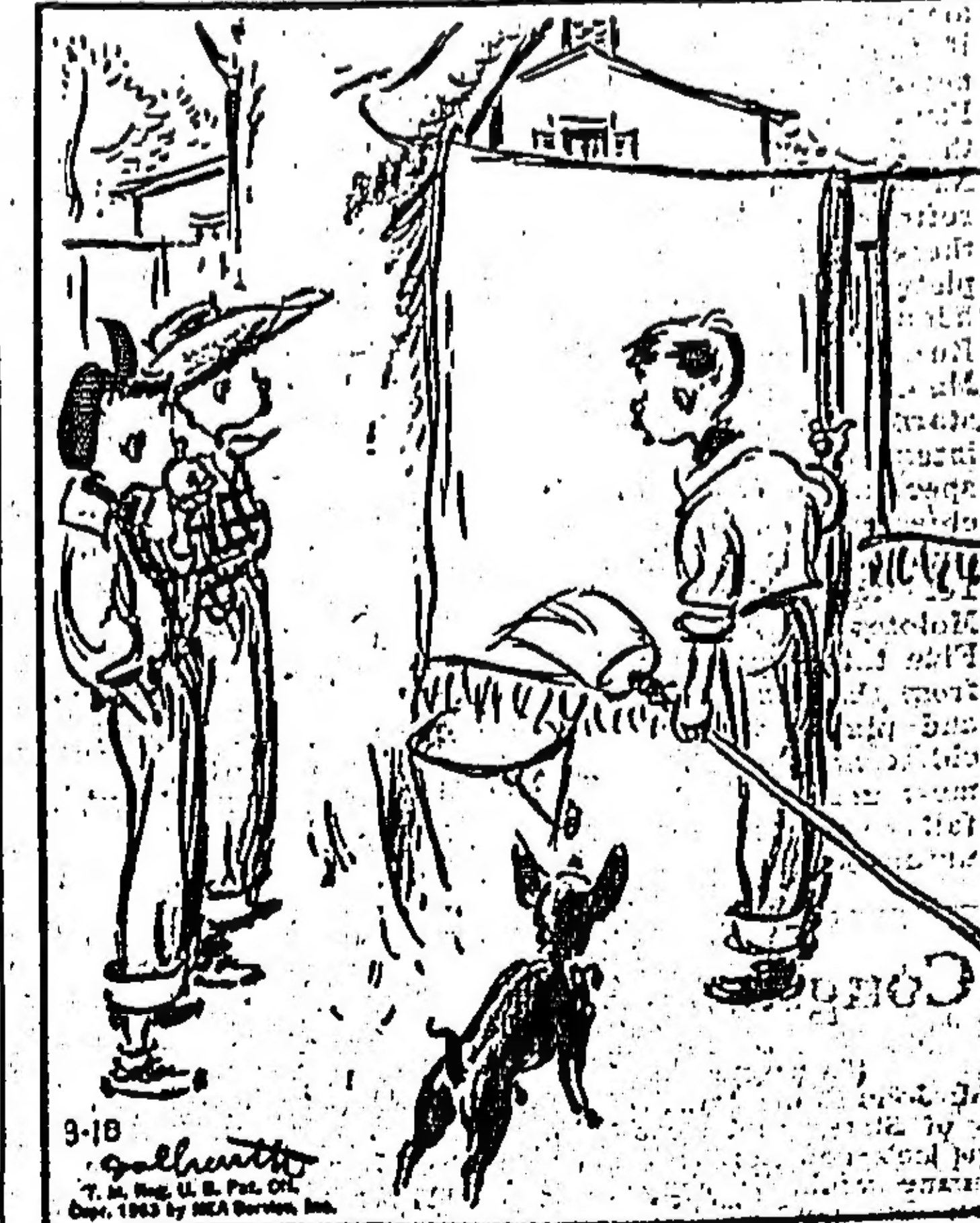
Manila, Apr. 28.

A woman was burned to death, and two children were missing, believed dead on Monday in a fire lasting three and a half hours that destroyed about 200 houses in the commercial district of Balanga Town, the capital of Batang Province.

An estimated 1,000 persons were rendered homeless, and property damage estimated at more than 4,000,000 pesos.

Red Cross units are now on the way to the stricken areas to extend relief to the fire victims.—France-Press.

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"My sister's boy friend is coming home from Korea and Mom thinks he might notice a speck of dust on these rug!"

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